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SUBJ: U.S. MTN REQUESTS & OFFERS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS - PHIL

REF: (A) STATE 160857; (B) MANILA 7457

1. EMBASSY COMMENTS CONCERNING PARA 1 REF A AS FOLLOWS:

A. CORN - NATIONAL GRAINS AUTHORITY (NGA) SOLE IMPORTER OF FEEDGRAINS IS NOT PAYING 70 PERCENT DUTY. NGA SETS DOMESTIC PRICE OF IMPORTED FEED CORN AT DOLS 151/MT WHICH IS THE DOMESTIC SUPPORT PRICE. DECREASE

IN SUPPORT PRICE IMPOSSIBLE IN VIEW OF GOVERNMENT EMPHASIS ON FEED-GRAIN PRODUCTION. REDUCTION IN DUTY INSIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT

RESULT IN DECREASE IN PRICE AND INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION.

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B. CONCENTRATES, ISOLATES AND TVP DO NOT APPEAR TO BE AN IMPORTANT TRADE ITEM AS INDICATED PARA 1 REF B.

C. COTTONSEED OIL ALSO AN INSIGNIFICANT TRADE ITEM. SMALL QUANTITIES OF SOYBEAN OIL WILL BE IMPORTED, BUT ABUNDANT SUPPLIES OF SUBSIDIZED COCONUT OIL WILL LIMIT CONSUMPTION.

2. EMBASSY COMMENTS CONCERNING PARA 2 AS FOLLOWS:

A. LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY LOOKING FOR EXPORT MARKETS FOR EGGS TO ELIMINATE OVER-SUPPLY WHICH PLAGUES DOMESTIC MARKET AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE YEAR. FEW EGGS IF ANY WILL BE IMPORTED.

B. MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST OUTLINED PARA 2 (C) REF A WOULD BE DIFFICULT. ACCORDING TO NGA OFFICIALS, DOMESTICALLY SOLD SOYBEAN MEAL WILL NOT BE SOLD AT A PROFIT.

3. AS STATED PARA 3 REF B, STRONGLY RECOMMEND REDUCTION IN DUTY FOR FROZEN TURKEY, TURKEY PARTS AND DUCK BE ADDED TO NOVEMBER LIST. CENTRAL BANK'S COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION MANUAL LISTS THESE TWO ITEMS AS UNCLASSIFIED PRODUCER GOODS WHICH ARE DEFINED AS GOODS WHICH ARE PRODUCED LOCALLY IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO MEET LOCAL DEMAND.....HOWEVER, THERE IS LITTLE OR NO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF TURKEY AND DUCK IN THE PHILIPPINES. RECOMMEND DUTY BE REDUCED TO 10 PERCENT WHICH IS THE DUTY FOR FROZEN BEEF, LAMB AND PORK.

4. ALSO RECOMMEND "EX OUT" FOR TURKEY AND DUCK FROM TARIFF HEADING 16.02 AND DUTY REDUCTION FROM 100 PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT TO ALLOW ENTRY OF TURKEY ROLLS AND OTHER PROCESSED PRODUCTS.

5. WE PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON A REDUCTION IN DUTY FOR TURKEY AND TURKEY PRODUCTS. THERE WOULD BE A DIRECT IMPACT ON TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND US WOULD BE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY. APPROXIMATELY 100 PERCENT OF ADDITIONAL IMPORTS WOULD COME FROM U.S. MURPHY

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